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## Cabinet falls short of KECC fund-raising goal

By Anya Armes Weber

The Cabinet for Families and Children raised \$133,721 for the 2002 Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign. That's \$3,215 shy and 97.7 percent of the 2001 amount. This year's goal was \$150,000.

CFC was one of several agencies to fall short of their 2001 totals.

Overall, the state KECC campaign fared well, with a grand total of \$1,231,200. That bests last year's statewide total of \$1,228,346 and sets a new KECC fundraising record.

The money will help hundreds of statewide charities, many of them our Comprehensive Family Services partners, to help Kentuckians live healthy, independent lives, free of abuse and hunger.

Staff who pledged a payroll deduction can expect to see their first contribution noted on their Jan. 15 paycheck.

At the Nov. 19 KECC "victory celebration," Tourism Cabinet Secretary and KECC Chairwoman Ann Latta presented Bonnie Cox with an

honorable mention award for the Most Spirited Campaign – Large Cabinet for the Department of Disability Determinations Services. Shelbyville's DCBS office also received an honorable mention in this category.



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By Bobbie Walters

CFC staff were able to help several Frankfort area children have a better Christmas this year. Quality Central Connections (QCC) got the names of children and families from the Franklin County Protection and Permanency office. QCC then sent out a request for assistance, and the response was phenomenal.

QCC said the response from staff was much greater than expected. Immediately after sending out the first e-mail requesting persons or groups to adopt children or families, responses started coming in. All the children we received information about were adopted, along with several individuals being referred to FRYSCs for someone to adopt.

Angela Harris of the Franklin County P & P office said that we helped almost 100 children.

This is what Christmas is about, giving to those less fortunate, and what a wonderful group we have here at CFC. They gave of their time and money to be sure these children and families had a better Christmas.

QCC hopes to start the process earlier next year so that we might include some elderly people too. QCC wants to thank the many people at both Quality Central and the local Protection and Permanency offices who made this a rewarding experience.